REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated April 18, 2005 in which claims 11-16 are allowed and claims 3 and 4 are objected to but are admitted to have allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 2 and 5-10 are rejected as either being anticipated by Wang et al (US Patent No. 6,721,525) or by Sugiyama et al (JP 08-179613A) under 35USC §102, or being obvious over combinations of Wang, Sugiyama, Inoue (JP 08-278739A) and De Kesel et al (US Patent No. 6,760,556) under 35 USC §103(a).

Following the Examiner's instructions, claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form by including all the limitations in antecedent claims 1 and 2, and is thus believed in good form for allowance. Claim 4, which is dependent on amended claim 3, is therefore believed also in good form for allowance. Rejected claims 1-2 and 5-10 have been cancelled. Claims 4, 11 and 13 are amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been introduced in the amendments.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in a good condition for allowance. Therefore, an allowance in view of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested. A request for a one-month extension is enclosed together with a check of \$120 for covering the extension fee. The Examiner is authorized to deduct additional fees believed due from our deposit account No. 11-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

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